MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government will defer from entering into any final agreement until the legislature has been reconstituted?

PRESIDENT: It is not at all possible to give such an undertaking and Government cannot give that undertaking, because it is just posssible that international considerations might require certain agreements being entered into. But those will have to be kept confidential.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether those negotiations are with other nations?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The President has already stated that, in regard to thorium, no negotiations are being carried on now.

Thorium.

53. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvella*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have entered into any contract with any foreign company with regard to the thorium deposits in Travancore?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No.

Ban on newspapers.

54. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of newspapers that are under ban at present in the State; and

(*b*) the reasons for imposing such ban?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR (*Inspector General of Police*):

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Ban on newspapers.

55. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of newspapers whose entry into or circulation in the State was banned during the last two years with dates of such ban;

(*b*) the reasons for such ban; and

(*c*) the papers in respect of which the bans were lifted and reasons thereof?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) Publication of prejudicial reports.

(*c*) The ban on the papers mentioned in (*a*) above has been lifted in accordance with the decision of Government to raise all the bans on newspapers and journals.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know the policy of Government underlying the ban on newspapers?

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MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: When prejudicial reports were published the newspapers were banned. But latterly due to change in general atmosphere restrictions have been withdrawn.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the Inspector General what he means by stating publication of 'prejudicial reports'? Prejudicial to whom?

PRESIDENT: Prejudicial to the Government of the State.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether a newspaper will be permitted to publish true reports even if they are prejudicial to the Government?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Not prejudicial to the Government. Prejudicial report has a technical definition in the Defence of Travancore Rules.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): പത്ര നിരോധനം സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള ആജ്ഞകൾ പിൻവലിക്കുവാനുണ്ടായ കാരണങ്ങൾ ഇന്നതെല്ലാമാണെന്നും മറ്റുമുള്ള വിവരങ്ങൾ നിരോധിക്കപ്പെട്ട പത്രങ്ങളുടെ ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാർക്കു നൽകീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

PRESIDENT: Yes, necessary steps have been taken for that.

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I will answer the question. The policy has been declared by the Government and consequent thereon formal orders have been communicated both to the persons and to the newspapers.

Inspectors of Police.

56. * MR. J. T. MORAES (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons recruited as Inspectors of Police since 1940 and the number of Latin Catholics among them?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR:

No. of persons recruited as Inspectors of Police since 1940 ...	16
No. of Latin Catholics among them ...	Nil

MR. J. T. MORAES: May I know from the honourable member the number of applications for recruitment as Inspectors from the Latin Catholics during this period?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Six.

MR. J. T. MORAES: May I know, how many were called for interview?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Two. The others were not qualified.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether the Government are following any general policy as to communal representation, general qualification, etc., in the matter of recruitment?

* *Vide* Appendix I.

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